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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 3611

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AIR TRANSPORT OF ACCUMULATED HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS IN
VIENTIANE

1. MISSION IS EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DIFFICULTY IN EFFECTING
EXPORT OF HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS, ALREADY IN LIFT VANS, OF
NUMEROUS PERSONNEL DEPARTING BOTH ON COMPLETION OF TOURS
AND UNDER ACCELERATED THIN-OUT PROGRAM. BACKLOG CAUSED IN
PART BY REFUSAL OF REGUALR TRUCKERS TO MOVE LIFT VANS
UNTIL FOUR TRUCKS CONFISCATED BY PATHET LAO ARE RELEASED;
CHARGE MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO FONMIN TODAY ON THIS
POINT (SEPTEL).

2. REQUEST IMMEDIATE AUTHORITY FOR UTILIZATION OF
A C-130 AIRCRAFT CREWED BY BIRD AIR TO BEGIN DAILY HAULS
AS SOON AS WE CAN OBTAIN DIPLOMATIC LANDING CLEARANCE
FROM PGNU AND RTG CLEARANCES NEEDED FOR TRANSIT OF HHE
WITH ENTRY BY THIS MEANS AND ONWARD SHIPMENT BY REGULAR
COMMERCIAL VESSELS.

3. WHEN WE RECEIVE AUTHORIZATION FROM WASHINGTON WE PROPOSE
TO WORK OUT DETAILS WITH EMBASSY BANGKOK.

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